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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN SYMPHONY CRESCENDOES

SUMMARY: MOST MAJOR PAKISTAN NEWSPAPERS OF MAY 3 PUBLISHED
INCREASED PITCH OF ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES. OVER 75 PERCENT
OF PAKISTAN TIMES FRONT PAGE WAS DEVOTED TO SUCH ARTICLES
AND COVERED SUCH TOPICS AS ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS AND
SLOGANS OF MAY 2 RALLIES AND STATEMENTS BY CABINET MINISTERS.
ANOTHER ARTICLE ACCUSED USG OF SMUGGLING GUNS, AMMUNITION,
AND EXPLOSIVES INTO PAKISTAN. OTHER FRONT PAGE ARTICLES
DERIDE U.S. "GENOCIDE" POLICY AGAINST NATIVE AMERICANS,
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AND ACCUSE USG OF USING PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TACTICS
TO END THE FRANCO-PAK NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT DEAL.
EDITORIAL POSTURES THAT PAKISTAN HAS LEGITIMATE GREIVANCES
THAT THE USG WILL BE HARD-PRESSED TO ANSWER, ESPECIALLY
IN THE LIGHT OF HYPOCRITICAL US ATTITUDES ON OPENNESS IN
FOREIGN POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER A DAY'S ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF THE OBSERVANCE OF THE MAY DAY HOLIDAY ON MAY 2, MAJOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS AND THE MAIN URDU-LANGUAGE DAILIES WE HAVE SEEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KARACHI DAWN, RESUMED PUBLICATION WITH AN INCREASED SYMPHONY OF ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES. THE ARTICLES THAT APPEARED IN MAY 3 PAKISTAN TIMES EPITOMIZE THE TENOR OF THE PRESS CAMPAIGN SINCE ALL PAPERS WE HAVE SEEN CARRIED THE SAME STORIES.

2. OVER SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FRONT PAGE OF MAY 3 PAK TIMES WAS DEVOTED TO ARTICLES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. LEAD ARTICLE WAS HEADLINED "MAY DAY RALLIES CONDEMN DOLLAR CONSPIRACY" AND FEATURED REPORTS OF SPEECHES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY ON MAY 2 OF POLITICAL AND LABOR LEADERS IN SUPPORT OF PPP AND CONDEMNING "ALL FORMS OF EXPLOITATION AND THE U.S. DOLLAR INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY." LEAD SENTENCE IN ARTICLE RECALLED THE "LARGE SCALE KILLING OF WORKERS IN CHICAGO (USA) 91 YEARS AGO." REPORTED SPEECHES INCLUDE LAHORE UNION LEADER'S CALL FOR IMMEDIATE NATIONALIZATION OF ALL FOREIGN INTERESTS IN PAKISTAN, MENTION OF THE "DOLLAR PLAN TO DESTROY PAKISTAN," AND REFERENCE TO "THE PRESENT INTERFERENCE BY THE UNITED STATES IN PAKISTAN" THAT PROVES THE CAPITALIST WORLD LED BY THE U.S. IS STILL SUPPRESSING WORKERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. ALSO INCLUDED WERE REMARKS BY FEDERAL MINISTERS THAT PAKISTAN'S UNITY HAD ALWAYS FRUSTRATED FOREIGN ATTEMPTS TO UNDO PAKISTAN (CHAUDHRY ANWAR AZIZ, AGRARIAN MANAGEMENT MINISTER), AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER MUMTAZ BHUTTO'S STATEMENT THAT "IMPERIALIST HAD AN INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THEY WERE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF DISTURBANCCES AND CONFUSION IN PAKISTAN THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY."

3. SAME ARTICLE REPORTED SLOGANS CHANTED BY CROWDS AT MAY DAY RALLIES. SLOGANS INCLUDED: "DOWN WITH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM," "DOLLAR MURDABAD" (DOWN WITH THE DOLLAR), "HANDS OFF PAKISTAN", "ITTEHADIO JAWAB DO, DOLLAR KA HISAB DO" (ALLIANCE (I.E., PNA) PEOPLE ANSWER, ACCOUNT FOR THE DOLLARS YOU GOT), "DOWN WITH IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR STOOGES", AND "FOREIGN CONSPIRACY WILL NOT WORK"

4. FRONT PAGE ALSO FEATURED THREE COLUMN WIDE PICTURE OF SEVERAL PISTOLS, CARTRIDGES, AND A PACKAGE LABELED "TNT" CAPTIONED "PISTOLS AND HIGH EXPLOSIVE TNT BEARING THE MARK 'CORPS OF ENGINEERS, USA' SEIZED IN BANNU ON MONDAY." BESIDE PICTURE WAS ARTICLE HEADLINED "TNT WITH U.S. MARKING SEIZED." STORY ALLEGES THAT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN BANNU DISTRICT (NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE) SEIZED

TNT, EIGHT PISTOLS AND ONE THOUSAND CARTRIDGES FROM AN ALLEGED MEMBER OF A GANG OF SABOTEURS WHO ADMITTED UNDER INTERROGATION THAT HE WAS SMUGGLING THE MATERIAL TO THE PUNJAB. ARTICLE CLAIMS THE EXPLOSIVE IS MARKED "CORPS OF ENGINEERS, USA" AND INDICATES MATERIAL IS NORMALLY USED TO DESTROY BRIDGES AND "OTHER SUCH STRUCTURES" -- CLEARLY AN ALLEGATION THAT THE USG SEEKS TO CONDUCT SABOTAGE IN PAKISTAN. (ARMY ATTACHE INFORMS US THAT PISTOLS IN PICTURE ARE BRITISH-MANUFACTURED WALTHER, OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE.)

5. ALSO ON FRONT PAGE ARE ARTICLES ENTITLED "U.S. GENOCIDE POLICY AGAINST RED INDIANS" AND "CIA HAND IN FALL OF WHITLAM."

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6. LARGE ARTICLE AT CENTER OF FRONT PAGE IS "REPROCESSING PLANT U.S. PRESSURE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PARIS" WHICH RECOUNTS MAY 2 TIME MAGAZINE SPECULATION THAT FRANCE HAS PROVED

"MORE AMENABLE TO AMERICAN PRESSURE" ON SALE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT THAN GOVERNMENT OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY H. K. BURKI WHO IS SENIOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT FOR THE PAKISTAN TIMES AND WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS ABILITY IN TURNING OUT VITRIOLIC ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES. FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, BURKI HAS BEEN KEPT UNDER CONTROL BY BHUTTO, AND ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN FLASHES OF HIS ANTAGONISM TOWARD THE US IN HIS ARTICLES, HIS CRITICISMS HAVE BEEN MUTED. OVER PAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEVERAL DAYS, HOWEVER, IT IS EVIDENT BURKI HAS BEEN GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE TO VENT HIS SPLEEN, AND HE IS DOING SO WITH VERVE AND CHUTZPAH. A MASTER AT PERSONAL ATTACK AND MISREPRESENTATION, BURKI'S ARTICLE TODAY AND THE ONE IN SUNDAY'S PAKISTAN TIMES HAVE BEEN THE CENTER-PIECE OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN. AS IN THE PAST, HIS ENTREE TO THE TOPLEVELS OF MFA AND OTHER GOP MINISTRIES HAS PROVIDED HIM WITH GRIST FOR HIS MILL AND CONFIRMS (IF CONFIRMATION WERE NECESSARY) THAT SPECIFIC TARGETS ARE BEING PINPOINTED BY SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS IN THIS VILIFICATION CAMPAIGN.

7. BURKI NOTES THIS ARTICLE WAS "OBVIOUSLY INSPIRED" BY USG TO PUT FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN AWKWARD POSITION AND IS PART OF CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURE PARIS. STATES THAT TIME ARTICLE "PRESUPPOSES THAT WASHINGTON WOULD SUCCEED IN INSTALLING A GOVERNMENT IN PAKISTAN WHICH WOULD BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO BE PERSUADED OUT OF THE DEAL WITH FRANCE." ARTICLE NOTES CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S "DETERMINATION" IN PURSUING "VENDETTA" AGAINST BHUTTO'S GOVERNMENT. ACCUSES USG OF PLANTING STORIES IN U.S. PRESS, INCLUDING APRIL 21 NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ON DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AS EVIDENCED IN RECENT PAKISTANI POLITICAL INSTABILITY. STORY TREATS NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON DISAPPEARANCE OF URANIUM SHIPMENT AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ANTI-PAKISTAN CONSPIRACY. ARTICLE CALLS STATEMENT OF SULZBERGER OF NEW YORK TIMES "THAT PAKISTAN WAS GOING TO DISINTEGRATE" THE "LATEST DIMENSION" IN THE "WELL ORCHESTRATED CHORUS." ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT THE "NEW MESSIAHS OF 'HUMAN RIGHTS' HAVE SOUGHT TO LIKEN THIS CONSPIRACY TO 'A POPULAR MOVEMENT'://.WHICH, THEY MAINTAIN, WAS NOW BEING PUT DOWN BY THE ARMY."

8. OBSTREPEROUS EDITORIAL, "PLAIN-TALKING WITH U.S." WINS AWARD AS MOST OUTRAGEOUS OF THE DAY. EDITORIAL

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CONCEDED THAT PM HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD REPLY POSITIVELY TO SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S OFFERED "TALKS ON THIS COUNTRY'S 'GRIEVANCES'." MAIN "GRIEVANCES" THAT EDITORIAL INDICATES ARE LIKELY TO BE BASIS OF TALKS ARE: (A) USG HAS SOUGHT TO INTERFERE MASSIVELY IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS (FOR WHICH EDITORIAL URGES EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING); (B) FOREIGN MONEY HAS FLOODED PAKISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN AGAINST LAWFULLY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT; AND (C) GENEROUS ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING HAS BEEN GIVEN TO OPPOSITION. PAPER NOTES "MR. CYRUS VANCE WILL CLEARLY HAVE MUCH TO ACCOUNT FOR;" SUGGESTS HE WILL HAVE DIFFICULT TIMES SQUARING ALL THIS WITH THE "HIGH MORALISTIC POSTURE" THAT THE CURRENT US ADMINISTRATION HAS PUBLICLY ADOPTED. REITERATES BHUTTO APRIL 28 SPEECH ALLEGATIONS OF DIRECT PRESSURES ON GOP IN THE PAST. STANCE OF EDITORIAL IS THAT US SECSTATE WILL HAVE TO SATISFY ISLAMABAD, BUT ISLAMABAD (WITH BACKING OF PEOPLE) WILL STAND FAST ON PRINCIPLES. CONCLUDES BY ASSERTING BHUTTO, IN REVEALING ALLEGED CONSPIRACY, BROKE NO CONFIDENCES, BREACHED NO DIPLOMATIC NICETIES; US ADMINISTRATION SHOULD APPRECIATE HIS APPROACH OF TAKING PAKISTAN PEOPLE INTO CONFIDENCE, SINCE PRESIDENT PROMISED WHILE A CANDIDATE TO BRING OPENNESS INTO CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY, THOUGH EDITORIAL SEES NO EVIDENCE OF THIS ON PART OF USG. HOPES USG CAN APPRECIATE IT IN OTHERS. CONSTABLE

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